

## National Energy Policy Tasks ---- August 24, 2001

### Onshore Oil and Gas (Tasks for Immediate Completion NOT Requiring Regulations or Legislation 3-6 months)

**Task 1:** *BLM will expedite completion of the ongoing Energy Policy Conservation Act (EPCA) study of impediments to federal oil and gas exploration and development.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Establish a coordination group with DOE, USGS, USFS	02/07/01	WO-310 Watson
2. Determine priority areas	05/25/01	WO-310
3. Complete plan for implementation	08/01/01	WO-310
4. Issue RFP for collection and analysis contract.	09/01/01	WO-310
5. Award contract	11/01/01	WO-310
6. Review draft Reports		WO-220 Janes, Borchard
7. Prepare final recommendations for incorporation into the Planning Process	-----	WO310, WO210 Aldrich
Subtasks by Priority Areas:		
Uinta/Piceance Basin (ongoing DOE contract)		
1. Subtask issuance and scoping	06/15/01	WO-310 Watson
2. Complete compilation of land status and restrictions	08/06/01(start)	WO-310 Watson, UT930 Coulthard, CO934 Spencer
3. Complete inventory of resources and reserves	08/01/01	USGS/EIA
4. Complete draft report	09/30/01	ARI
5. Issue final report	11/30/01	DOI/ARI Powder
River Basin		
1. Subtask issuance and scoping	11/01/01	WO-310 Watson
2. Complete compilation of land status and restrictions	01/01/02	WO-310 Watson. WY923 Madrid, MT923 Wong
3. Complete inventory of resources and reserves	01/01/02	USGS/EIA
4. Complete draft report	03/01/02	Contractor
5. Issue final report	05/01/02	DOI
Montana Thrust Belt (Rocky Mountain Front)		

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1. Subtask issuance and scoping	02/01/02	WO-310 Watson
2. Complete compilation of land status and restrictions	04/01/02	WO-310 WatsonYT930 Coulthard, NM932 TBD
3. Complete inventory of resources and reserves	04/01/02	USGS/EIA
4. Complete draft report	06/01/02	Contractor
5. Issue final report	08/30/02	DOI
San Juan/Paradox Basin		
1. Subtask issuance and scoping	04/01/02	WO-310 Watson
2. Complete compilation of land status and restrictions	06/01/02	WO-310 Watson, WY923 Mardrid, CO934 Spencer
3. Complete inventory of resources and reserves	06/01/02	USGS/EIA
4. Complete draft report	08/01/02	Contractor
5. Issue final report	10/01/02	DOI
Greater Green River Basin Retrofit to Include Oil (ongoing DOE contract)		
1. Subtask issuance and scoping	05/01/02	BLM/USFS/USGS/DOE/EIA
2. Complete review and update of land status and restrictions	07/01/02	ARI/BLM/USFS
3. Complete inventory of resources and reserves	07/01/02	USGS/EIA
4. Complete draft report	09/01/02	ARI
5. Issue final report	11/01/02	DOI/ARI

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**Task 2:** *BLM will, based on the results of the EPCA evaluation, review lands status and lease stipulations.*

*A. Internal guidance to address exceptions for existing stipulation will be issued within 6 months.*

*B. All changes will be considered with full public consultation through the land use planning process; especially with the people in the region (task greater than 6 months.)*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1.A Realign land use plan schedule to expedite completion of energy priority plans and amendments	Completed	WO210 Aldrich (lead), WO-220 Janes, Borchard. WO-250, WO-240 Douglas (review findings) WO-310 Hare (lead), Douglas Watson
1B Implement a support system for ensuring progress toward on-time plan completion		
2. Develop a communications plan with WO-300/200, other agencies, local communities, interest groups, and tribes to engage a multitude of our constituents in our planning initiatives	12/01/01	WO210 Aldrich, WO300 Kaarlela, WO-310 Hare (lead), Douglas Watson
3. States conduct outreach/collaboration based on communication plan	5/01/02	WO210 Aldrich, WO-310 Hare (lead), Douglas
4. States establish any necessary MOUs/MOAs for collaborative planning.	07/01/02	WO210 Aldrich, WO-310 Hare (lead), Douglas, Watson
5. Develop outcome-based lease stipulations and set up a monitoring program to assess their effectiveness	TBD	WO-300 Kaarlela, WO-310 Hare (lead), Douglas, Watson
6. States complete land use plans and amendments as determined by the newly established schedules	10/01/03	WO210 Aldrich, WO300 Kaarlela, WO-310 Hare (lead), Douglas, Watson

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**Task 3:** *BLM will evaluate royalty rate reductions and other incentives for enhanced recovery and extension of field life consistent with the receipt of fair market value. Where such steps require legislation, BLM will draft legislative proposals.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Obtain management decision	08/01/01	WO-310 Baier (lead), NV922 Wells, WY-923 Watts, WO-300 Bebout, WO-240 Cordova
2. Complete initial analysis	09/01/01	WO-310 Baier (lead), NV922 Wells, WY-923 Watts, WO-300 Bebout,
3. Present recomm. to management and obtain management decision	10/01/01	WO-310 Baier (lead), NV922 Wells, WY-923 Watts, WO-300 Bebout,
4. Form team or document decision not to proceed	10/01/01	WO-310 Baier (lead), NV922 Wells, WY-923 Watts, WO-300 Bebout,
5. If proceeding, contract modeling		
6. Conduct modeling	01/01/02	Contractor, WO-310 Baier (lead), NV922 Wells, WY-923 Watts, WO-300 Bebout,
7. Conduct Outreach	02/01/02	WO-310 Baier (lead), NV922 Wells, WY-923 Watts, WO-300 Bebout,
8. Brief management on results	03/01/02	WO-310 Baier (lead), NV922 Wells, WY-923 Watts, WO-300 Bebout,
9. If proceeding, team prepares schedule to have regs/legis. In place by December 2003	12/01/03	WO-310 Baier (lead), NV922 Wells, WY-923 Watts, WO-300 Bebout,, WO-630 Schwartz

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**Task 4:** *BLM will complete the rule making on bonding liability for onshore oil and gas operations.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Prepare a decision paper re separation of joint and several liability from comprehensive rule making	complete	WO-310 Douglas, WO-630 Schwartz
2. Present paper to management	08/01/01	WO-310 Douglas
3. Redraft, as necessary		
4. Publish rule	11/01/01	WO-310 Douglas, WO-630 Schwartz

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**Task 5:** *BLM will develop common reclamation standards for oil and gas leases and associated Rights-of-Way and institute a reclamation monitoring policy to determine the efficacy of lease provisions and Rights-of-Way stipulations to achieve reclamation.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Charter a BLM, FS and BIA team	10/01/01	WO-310 Hare( Colead), WO-220 Reuwsaat(Co-lead) Field staff Karl, Janes, Borchard, Ramos, Mayberry, Carey WO-250
2. Team analyzes existing reclamation standards and monitoring policy of the 3 agencies		
3. Team prepares common reclamation performance standards and a reclamation monitoring policy		
4. Brief management, obtain decision to proceed	02/01/02	WO-310 Hare
5. Conduct outreach		
6. Modify standards and policy as necessary		
7. Enact MOUs and implement standards and policy	11/01/02	WO-310 Hare

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**Task 6:** *BLM will explore innovative sources of funding for reclamation and other unfunded liability issues.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Charter an inter-agency team (BLM,MMS,FS,BIA, Coast Guard, SOL and Treasury)	10/01/01	WO-310 Dunlevy (lead), Hare, Baier, WO-250
2. Team explores alternative, potential money sources for funding reclamation		
3. Team conducts outreach with industry and the states		
4. Team prepares decision paper for management outlining alternative funding sources	05/01/02	WO-310 Dunlevy (lead), Hare, Baier,
5. Team obtains management decision whether or not to proceed		
6. If proceed, prepare regs., MOUs, legislation as necessary		
7. Implementation of new funding sources by August of 2003	08/01/03	WO-310 Dunlevy (lead), Hare, Baier, WO-630 Schwartz



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**Task 7:** *BLM will explore other regulation and policy changes relative to liability and reclamation, including the lease assignment approval policy and process, and the orphan well policy relating to legacy wells. It will also consider a single bond and common stipulations for both lease and related off-lease facilities including oil and gas associated Rights-of-Way and roads.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Review existing policy and determine alternatives	10/01/01	WO-310 Douglas (lead), Hare, Baier, WO-250
2. Prepare draft recommendations for management	-----	
3. Obtain management approval	-----	
4. If proceed, charter team	10/01/01	WO-310 Douglas (lead), Hare, Baier, WO-220 Janes, Field staff from resource background familiar w/road stips and watershed specialist
5. Team conducts outreach, then reviews and consolidates comments	-----	
6. Team prepares implementation plan	02/01/02	WO-310 Douglas (lead), Hare,
7. Team prepares regs./legislation, as necessary	-----	WO-310 Douglas (lead), Hare, WO-630 Schwartz
8. Regulatory and policy changes take effect	04/01/03	WO-310 Douglas (lead), Hare,

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#### Task 8: *BLM will identify ways to expedite the process of approving Applications for Permits to Drill.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Determine the current status of APDs in BLM	complete	WO-310 Baier (lead)
2. Determine causes of delays, internal and external		
3. Charter team to examine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• results of the EPCA study</li><li>• internal process and policy</li><li>• staffing, organization, scarce skills</li><li>• external processes and coordination</li><li>• CX review (inc. ROW and other programs)</li><li>• ESA consultation</li></ul>	10/01/01	WO-310 Baier (lead), WO-220 Janes, Borchard, Mayberry, Field staff to assist on skills needs assmt. WO-210 MacDonald involvement CX review, WO-250, WO-240 Douglas
4. Team prepares draft recommendation		
5. Team presents recommendations to management	02/01/02	WO-310 Baier (lead), WO-210 MacDonald involvement CX review
6. Team seeks management approval to proceed		
7. Team conducts outreach		
8. Team collects and consolidates comments		
9. Team prepares final recommendations		
10. Final recommendations are implemented	12/01/02	WO-210 MacDonald involvement CX review

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**North Slope Alaska (Tasks Requiring Regulatory Action)**

**Task 9:** *BLM will complete unitization, suspension, and extension regulations for National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A).*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Complete final rule	complete	WO-630 Schwartz, WO-310 Shaw
2. Complete legal review	08/15/01	WO-630 Schwartz /SOL, WO-310 Shaw
3. Publish final rule	10.01/01	WO-630
4. Conduct outreach	12/01/01	AKSO Ditton
5. Issue press release	12/01/01	AKSO Ditton
6. Review/Support, as needed		WO-240, WO-310 Shaw

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**North Slope Alaska (Tasks Requiring Administrative Action Greater Than 6 Months)**

**Task 10: *BLM will conduct biennial leasing in the northeast sector of NPR-A starting in 2002.***

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Pre-sale activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pre-sale notice</li><li>• Pre-sale tract assessment</li><li>• NEPA consistence review</li><li>• Draft tract availability notice</li><li>• Final tract availability notice</li></ul>	5/18/02	AKSO Terland, WO-310 Nagel
2. Sale activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct sale</li><li>• Press release</li></ul>	06/01/02 06/01/02	AKSO Terland, WO-310 Nagel AKSO, Terland, , WO-310 Nagel
3. Post-sale activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Post-sale bid evaluation</li><li>• Bid certification</li><li>• Lease issuance</li></ul>	09/01/02 11/01/02	US Attorney General AKSO Merrill, WO-310 Nagel
4. Evaluate scare skills, AKSO ability to analyze soil, water and air impacts		Janes, Borchard, Mayberry, Field staff to assist on skills needs assmt., WO-310 Nagel
5. Review/Support, as needed		WO-250, WO-240 (King), WO-310 Nagel

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**Task 11:** *BLM will prepare to hold lease sales in other NPR-A sectors, with the first sale scheduled for 2005.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Prepare IAP/EIS:		
• Pre-plan/communication plan		
• Federal Register notice	06/01/02	AKSO Terland, WO-310 Nagel
• Begin Scoping	06/01/02	AKSO Terland, WO-310 Nagel
• Draft EIS	12/01/02	AKSO Terland, WO-310 Nagel
• Final EIS	09/01/03	AKSO Terland, WO-310 Nagel
• ROD	12/01/03	AKSO Terland, WO-310 Nagel
2. Pre-sale activities:		
• Pre-sale notice		
• Pre-sale tract assessment		
• NEPA consistence Review		
• Draft tract availability notice		
• Final tract availability notice		
3. Sale activities:		
• Conduct sale	FY 2004	AKSO Terland, WO-310 Nagel
• Press release	FY 2004	AKSO Terland, WO-310 Nagel
4. Post-sale activities:		
• Post-sale bid evaluation		
• Bid certification		US Attorney General
• Lease issuance	11/01/04	AKSO Terland, WO-310 Nagel
5. Review/Support, as needed		WO-250, WO-240 (King, Takeshorse) WO-310 Nagel

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**Task 12:** *BLM will work with the USGS on updating the undiscovered oil and gas resource estimates for the NPR-A.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1 Coordinate with the USGS	Started	AKSO/USGS Benet, WO-310 Shaw

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**Task 13: *BLM will initiate environmental analyses for full field development within NPR-A by 2003.***

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Receipt of application pending	X=date of receipt	AKSO Schnider
2. MOU for 3 <sup>rd</sup> party contract	X+3 months	AKSO Schnider
3. Prepare IAP/EIS		AKSO Schnider
5. Review/Support, as needed		WO-250, WO-240 King, Takeshorse

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**Task 14: *BLM will continue ongoing operations associated with existing leases (Applications for Permits to Drill, Inspection and Enforcement, and National Environmental Policy Act) within the NPR-A area.***

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
Applications to drill (APD)	Ongoing	AKSO Ditton, WO-310 Baier
Conduct a multi-program evaluation on APD effectiveness to protect soil, water, riparian, fishery resources. Help with study design Scarce skills-where's the Soil Scientist??.	-----	Janes, Borchard, Ypsilantis, Gorges, AK staff
Inspection and Enforcement (I&E)	Ongoing	AKSO Ditton, WO-310 Baier, WO310 Bagley
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance:	Ongoing	AKSO Ditton
Do we need to do a subset for NPR-A		Schnider
Review/Support, as needed		WO-250, WO-240 King, Takeshorse, WO-310 Baier, WO310 Bagley



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**North Slope Alaska (Tasks Requiring Legislative Action)**

**Task 15:** *BLM, should Congress so authorize, will evaluate and determine the necessary steps for an environmentally sound leasing and development program in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Establish a regional energy team	TBD	DOI Kaarella
2. Examine draft bills	TBD	Reg. Energy Team
3. Set up a coordination meeting with the Legislative Council, BLM, USFWS and SOL	TBD	Reg. Energy Team
4. Draft/revise/edit legislation	TBD	Reg. Energy Team
5. In conjunction with the development of legislation, establish an environmentally sound management program for the 1002 Area using best available technologies for the purpose of oil and gas exploration and development	TBD	Reg. Energy Team/DOI
6. Prepare regulations to implement legislation (?)	TBD	FWS/BLM (WO-310 Hare/AKSO Cherry/630 Schwartz)

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**Task 16: *BLM will institute environmental and planning studies, if funding is available, for implementation of a best-practices leasing and development program.***

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Identify additional environmental study needs including cooperative studies of other oil and gas operations on other Refuges	Ongoing	AKSO Terland (?)
2. Initiate environmental planning studies to evaluate impacts from oil and gas activities on NPR-A sites and how they relate to ANWR	08/01/02	AKSO Terland
3. Review/Support, as needed		WO-250, WO-310 Hare

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**Task 17: *BLM will complete the re-permitting of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System by 2003.***

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Develop a communication plan	08/01/01	Joint Pipeline Office (JPO) Brorsia, Cherry
2. ROW application	Received	JPO
3. MOU/Alaska	Completed	JPO
4. Compliance and useful life reviews	Ongoing	JPO
5. Tribal consultation	Ongoing	JPO
6. MOU applicants	Completed	JPO
7. EIS contractor selection	Completed	JPO
8. Complete application determination	Completed	JPO
9. Notice of Intent	08/01/01	JPO
10. Scoping	09/01/01	JPO
11. Draft EIS	06/02	JPO
12. Draft Grant	06/02	JPO
13. Draft EIS comment period	09/02	JPO
14. Final EIS	11/02	JPO
15. ROD	12/02	JPO
16. Final Grant	12/02	JPO
17. Review/Support, as needed		WO-250, WO-240 King, Takeshorse, WO-310 Dunlevy

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**Task 18:** *BLM will expeditiously review the application(s) anticipated for a North Slope natural gas pipeline(s). As a part of this effort, BLM will coordinate activities with the State of Alaska and the Canadian government.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Initiate coordination with affected parties	complete	AKSO N. Dogulas
2. Conduct a workload analysis upon receipt of an application	TBD	WO-300/AKSO
3. Review/Support, as needed		WO-250, WO-240 King, Takeshorse WO-310 Dunlevy

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**Renewable Resources: Geothermal Resources (Tasks for Immediate Completion NOT Requiring Regulations or Legislation 3-6 months)**

**Task 19: *BLM will identify methods to expedite the processing of pending geothermal leases.***

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Prepare IM to CA,NV,UT,OR & NM requiring submission of an action plan	10/03/01	WO-310 Dunlevy, WO-210 Strasfogel (coordination), WO-250, WO-240 Review
2. States submit action plans to WO-310	11/30/01	SO geothermal leads
3. States process backlog leases	Ongoing	SO geothermal leads
4. Backlog eliminated	09/01/03	SO geothermal leads

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**Task 20:** *BLM will revise the Categorical Exclusion list to include geothermal resources and examine opportunities that could be added to the geothermal list.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Develop Categorical Exclusion List	ongoing	WO-310 Dunlevy /210 MacDonald/220
2. Prepare draft Federal Register Notice	TBD	WO-310 Dunlevy/210 MacDonald/630 Schwartz
3. Conduct field and management review	TBD	WO-310 Dunlevy /210 MacDonald
4. Prepare final Federal Register Notice	TBD	WO-310 Dunlevy /210 MacDonald/630 Schwartz
5. Publish Federal Register Notice	TBD	WO-310 Dunlevy /210 MacDonald/630 Schwartz
6. Review, as needed		WO-250,WO-310 Dunlevy

Note: CX does not cover Section 106 or tribal consultation

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**Task 21:** *BLM will contract for a geothermal literature search and an identification of constraints to access.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Prepare scope of work	10/01/01	WO-310 Dunlevy WO-210 Strasfogel (ccordination), WO-240
2. Issue contract	12/01/01	WO-310 Dunlevy WO-210 Strasfogel
3. Complete contract	10/01/02	Contractor
4. Brief management	11/01/02	WO-310 Dunlevy WO-210 Strasfogel

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**Renewable Resources: Biomass, Wind and Solar (Tasks Requiring Administrative Action Greater Than 6 Months)**

**Task 22:** *BLM will evaluate the availability of, and limitations on, use and access to public lands in order to increase renewable energy production, such as biomass, water, wind and solar energy.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Prepare scope of work	10/01/01	WO-350 Brady/WO-200 Mel Berg, Storzer, Ypsilantis WO-230 Jauhola, WO-210 Strasfogel (coordination), WO-250, WO-240 Review
2. Issue contract	12/01/01	WO-350 Brady WO-210 Strasfogel (coordination)
3. Complete contract	10/01/02	Contractor
4. Brief management	11/01/02 (coordination)	WO-350 Brady, WO-210 Strasfogel



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**Renewable Resources: Hydropower (Tasks for Immediate Completion NOT Requiring Regulations or Legislation 3-6 months)**

**Task 23:** *BLM will, for each hydropower licensing project, appoint a Project Manager and assemble a team of resource specialists to identify impacts, mitigation opportunities, and annual budget needs; identify hydropower projects within all Resource Management Plans; and work with other agencies to streamline and improve the application process*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Identify hydro projects by states and offices	complete	All State Directors
2. Incorporate hydro projects in Planning Guidance Handbook	01/01/02	WO-210 Strasfogel, WO-240 Hanes
3. Develop a hydro training package	12/01/01	BLM-NTC
4. Assemble project teams	As needed	All State Directors
5. Continue streamline efforts with FERC and other agencies	ongoing	WO-200/350Brady, WO-250
6. Identify budget/staffing to address hydro power relicensing and work load	ongoing	ELT WO-200/300

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**Rights of Way and Siting (Tasks for Immediate Completion NOT Requiring Regulations or Legislation 3-6 months)**

**Task 24: *BLM will inventory and prioritize energy-related right-of-way applications.***

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Field request to inventory applications	complete	State Directors
2. Receive inventories of applications	08/01/01	WO-350Brady
3. Compile Data	09/01/01	WO-350Brady
4. Provide report to Office of Assistant Secretary	09/01/01	AD-300

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**Task 25:** *BLM will initiate coordinated, inter-governmental, interagency, Right-of-Way corridor planning efforts (including coordination with BLM land use planning for public lands efforts) in partnership with industry and public interest groups.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Initiate partnerships with: Western Governor's Association, Western Systems Coordination Council, Western Utilities Group to assess the adequacy of the 1993 Western Regional Corridor Study for current ROW corridor designation needs	10/01/01	AD, WO-350 Brady/210 Strasfogel
2. Issue IM and review current plans for corridor planning	10/01/01	ADs, WO-350 Brady/200/ 220 Field Staff and a WO220 staff to coordinate with WO210 lead
3. Utilize updated Western Regional Corridor Study information to review new plans	12/01/01	All State Directors
4. Assess the costs and benefits of Regional Cumulative EISs for ROW corridor designation	03/01/02	ADs, WO-300/210 Strasfogel
5. Brief management	04/01/02	ADs, WO-300/210 Strasfogel

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**Task 26:** *BLM will expand its existing Right-of-Way Project Manager Pilot Project (assigning ROW specialists to major and complex right-of-way applications on a bureau-wide basis) to include other federal and state agencies.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. As the need arises, select 1 additional ROW Project Manager position*	09/01/01	PMC WO-350 Brady
2. Select 1 additional ROW Project Manager position if required by anticipated workload	03/01/02	ELT
* with imposition of limited energy price controls by FERC at least 2 major pipelines ROWs have been put on hold.		

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**Task 27:** *BLM will work with all federal agencies who have responsibility for the review and analysis of energy-related right-of-way applications to expedite the process.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Issue policy guidance on establishing priorities for energy-related ROWs	09/01	AD, WO-350 Brady
2. Complete individual State work force plans that identify interdisciplinary staff needed to process high priority ROWs	10/01/01	All State Directors, WO-250
3. Coordinate with local communities and ROW applicants to prioritize other high-priority ROW needs	12/01/01	All State Directors

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**Task 28:** *BLM will initiate an internal review with all agencies of administrative processes for reviewing and granting right-of-way applications and remove or reduce impediments to timely decision-making.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Establish an interdisciplinary Streamlining Team to review procedures, including e-business opportunities, ITIB, environmental and administrative review requirements including off-site mitigation.	10/01/01	AD, WO-350 Brady/Field Staff and a WO220 staff to coordinate with WO210 lead, WO-250
2. Initiate discussions with F&WS and Advisory Council to design project criteria for “no effect”, particularly off-site, mitigation opportunities. (Implement existing MOU on Endangered Species Act streamlining.)	11/01/01	AD, WO-200
3. Initiate F&WS and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation programmatic agreement to conduct consultation on broader-scale ROW actions (Corridor Study)	06/01/02	AD, WO-200
4. Review, amend and publish the proposed ESA counterpart regs.	09/01/02	AD, WO-200

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Rights of Way and Siting (Tasks Requiring Administrative Action Greater Than 6 Months)

**Task 29:** *BLM will increase the availability of existing right-of-way training courses and work towards wider participation in such courses by appropriate federal and industry staff involved in right-of-way applications.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. ROW Project Managers will start to provide on-the-job training and mentoring to other staff to expand ROW experience	09/01/01	BLM NTC WO-350 Brady
2. Complete NEPA web-based training (2 hour course) for all interdisciplinary ROW staff	03/01/02	BLM NTC
3. Offer additional Pipeline System short course, Electric Systems short course and Managing Major ROW course	FY 2002 & 03	BLM NTC
4. Conduct needs assessment for other training in support of ROW processing	12/01/03	BLM NTC

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**Rights of Way and Siting (Tasks Requiring Regulatory Action)**

**Task 30:** *BLM will finalize and publish BLM and USFS 1999 proposed right-of-way cost recovery regulations to increase cost recovery revenue.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Publish final Cost Recovery rule	06/01/02	WO-350-Brady /630 Schwartz SOL/



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**Rights of Way and Siting (Tasks Requiring Legislative Action)**

**Task 31:** *BLM will develop a legislative proposal for Administration consideration to allow federal agencies to retain a portion of rental receipts (rather than returning receipts to the U.S. Treasury) paid by holders of right-of-way for use on federal lands.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Prepare briefing papers	10/01/01	FS Lead/ WO-350-Brady
2. Initiate dialogue with Congressional staff regarding merits of a legislative proposal for return of rental receipts	TBD	AD, WO-600

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### Coal (Tasks Requiring Regulatory Action and Legislative Action)

**Task 32:** *BLM will review its policies, practices, regulations and statutes to identify opportunities to expand the scope of existing coal and coal bed methane conflict policy to new and readjusted coal and oil and gas leases with the intent of adopting a uniform policy for revising or rewriting existing regulations, and/or developing legislation, as needed.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Make recommendations for changes in policy, regulations, or law which will facilitate the maximum recovery of both coal bed methane and coal.	09/15/01	WO-300 Kaarlela/Rust, WO310 Douglas

NOTE: Both the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 1710) and the U.S. Senate have introduced legislation concerning resolution of coal and coal bed methane conflicts in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming. Anything further that the DOI and BLM do concerning this issue is dependent on the outcome of this legislation.

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**Task 33:** *BLM will improve our ability to meet the demand for Federal coal sales through the Lease by Application Process. This will include a review of current Lease by Application processes to streamline procedures and reduce processing time.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. IM to all coal states to request detailed information on the status and variability of the current LBA processes.	12/01/02	WO-320 W. Radden-Lesage
2. All coal leasing states submit data concerning their respective LBA timeline and required resources to identify bottlenecks.	03/01/03	All SO with coal leasing activity (CO,ES,MT,NM,WY)
3. Representatives from each coal state meet to identify and recommend current best practices based on response to IM.	05/01/03	WO-320, Coal States
4. Based on results, consider contracting a comprehensive workload analysis of the LBA process.	09/01/03	ELT

[regulation changes –????? WO-630 Schwartz]

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**Task 34:** *BLM will develop policy, regulatory revisions, or proposed technical amendments to the Mineral Leasing Act , as amended, to streamline coal lease operations and eliminate obsolete leasing and Rights-of-Way provisions, while maintaining environmental and fair-market value standards. This task with respect to coal lease operations will focus on actions that can be taken after a lease is issued.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Establish a team to examine current processes and identify potential changes.	03/01/02	WO-320 W. Radden-Lesage, MTSO
2. Develop list of opportunities to streamline, change, or eliminate. Include rationale for action and draft legislation.	06/01/02	WO-320, MTSO
3. BLM management review and prioritize actions.	09/01/02	WO-320, ELT
4. Work with Solicitor and Legislative Affairs to draft proposals. Submit proposed regulatory or legislative changes to DOI.	03/01/03	WO-320,

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**Coal (Tasks Requiring Regulatory Action)**

**Task 35:** *BLM will provide timely royalty relief incentives for recovery of uneconomic or marginally economic coal resources through improved lease management.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Prepare a draft royalty rate reduction manual for team review	complete	WO-320 W.Radden-Lesage
2. Convene a team to review the current and proposed royalty rate reduction guidelines or manuals to determine which modifications merit further consideration for permanent policy changes, including development of a draft of the consensus changes with an explanation of the rationale for each change	12/01/01	WO-320 W.Radden-Lesage
3. Recommend changes to the royalty rate reduction guidelines to provide timely incentives for resource recovery. Include rationale and draft of all recommended changes	04/01/02 Schwartz	WO-320 W.Radden-Lesage, Team/630
4. Draft a comprehensive revision of the coal royalty rate reduction guidelines consistent with the changes approved by BLM management. Publish final coal royalty rate reduction guidelines in the Federal Register for information.	08/01/02	WO-300/630 Schwartz

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**All Minerals (Tasks Requiring Administrative Action Greater Than 6 Months)**

**Task 36:** *BLM will look for opportunities to improve and streamline the management of the NEPA process for all energy resource proposals with all surface management bureaus offices and affected agencies.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
TBD– Depending on Department		WO-300/ Kaarlela/ WO-210 Aldrich Co lead WO-220 Rep, WO-250, WO-310 Hare

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**Coal (Tasks for Immediate Completion NOT Requiring Regulations or Legislation 3-6 months)**

**Task 37:** *BLM will develop policy to encourage recovery of abandoned coal refuse with uncertain federal title.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Review current statutory framework to determine whether and how the removal of abandoned coal refuse from mines developed on federal coal reserves and now residing on unleased federal or private lands can be authorized.	09/01/02	Solicitor
2. Propose revisions to existing regulations or guidelines to ensure processes accommodate solicitors findings.	03/01/03	WO-300/630 Schwartz

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**Interior Departmental Processes (Tasks for Immediate Completion NOT Requiring Regulations or Legislation 3-6 months)**

**Task 38:** *BLM will establish an internal mechanism with staff capability to coordinate bureau efforts and obligations associated with the implementation of energy-related programs and projects.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Complete necessary paperwork for the creation of the office	08/31/01	WO-300 Kaarlela (lead) /WO-200 Aldrich WO-310 Hare
2. Office fully operational	10/01/01	WO-300 Kaarlela (lead)/WO-200 Aldrich WO-310 Hare
3. Oversee Bureau's responsibilities and obligations	Ongoing	Energy Policy Analysis and Coordination Office



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### Interior Departmental Processes: Revise Land Management Plans (Tasks for Immediate Completion NOT Requiring Regulations or Legislation 3-6 months)

#### Task 39: *BLM will form a Land Use Management Team to coordinate and facilitate efforts of BLM and USFS.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
1. Form a BLM planning team to identify/review trends in ongoing BLM planning efforts.	Complete	WO-210 Aldrich /WO-220 WO-310 Hare
2. Identify 5-10 land use plans that are time-sensitive, particularly with regard to energy development.	Complete	ADs, WO-170, WO-200, WO-300 Kaarlela, WO-310 Hare (lead)
3. Establish WO & SO support teams to remove roadblocks.	TBD	ADs, WO-170, WO-200, WO-300, & ELT, WO-250 WO-310 Hare
4. Redesign planning processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance scoping process to engage collaborators, focus issues, and facilitate data acquisition and use</li> <li>Modify process requirements to allow plans to be prepared in less time</li> </ul>	06/30/02	WO-210 Aldrich
5. Develop/revise planning/NEPA guidance affecting energy development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reasonable foreseeable development scenarios (including fluid minerals and other surface-disturbing activities)</li> </ul>	06/30/02 Hare	ADs, WO-170, WO-200, WO-300 WO-310
6. Re-engineer planning and NEPA courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Management</li> <li>Planning Concepts</li> <li>Planning Nuts and Bolts</li> <li>Others: Planning courses 2001, NEPA courses 2002</li> </ul>	Completed TBD	BLM NTC, WO-210 coordination WO-310 Hare
7. Manage data acquisition to ensure appropriate and sufficient information is available to support decisions. Acquire data from other sources whenever feasible.	TBD	ADs, SDs

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8. Initiate management-level dialogue with USFS management regarding alignment of BLM and USFS planning and NEPA processes.

Ongoing

ADs, WO-170, WO-300, WO-210 Aldrich

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**All Minerals (Tasks for Immediate Completion NOT Requiring Regulations or Legislation 3-6 months)**

**Task 40:** *BLM will issue guidance to ensure meaningful consultation with federally recognized tribal governments when assisting in the development of tribal energy resources; when implementing energy tasks which might affect trust resources and treaty rights; when energy tasks might affect areas on public land of concern to tribal communities; or when developing energy related regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect tribal communities.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
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WO-310 Stephens, WO-240 Cordova

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**All Minerals (Tasks for Immediate Completion NOT Requiring Regulations or Legislation 3-6 months)**

**Task 41:** *BLM will enhance inspection and enforcement capabilities to ensure that inspections are completed and lessee/operators are notified of corrective action requirements in a timely manner to ensure that the public resources are protected.*

Step/Deliverable	Completion Date	Responsible Office/Individual
Participate on team. Weeds, water, soil resources representation		WO-310 Bagley, WO-220, Janes, Ramos, Ypsilantis WO-250 WO-300 Johnson